BRITISH GOVERNMENT FROWNS ON CONSCRIPTION

EARLY PEACE INTERESTING OF

did Succes at Zwart-

elene.

Severely Than Attacking

Forces.

[Canadian Press.[

London, April 20 .- In the semi-weekly

since the last report resulted in an in-

planes have been brought down in the

Trenches Captured.

"On April 16, the enemy exploded

"On the evening of April 17 we ex-

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of questions concerning the negotia-

Japan, but he replied that, under the

The foreign secretary added that

Government would endeavor to secure,

to the best of its ability, an open door

present conditions, while the negotia-

The enemy suffered heavily from

Lt.-Col. Burritt Gives High Official Report Tells of Splen-Praise To the First Contingent.

NEARLY ALL AT FRONT HEAVY LOSS IS SUSTAINED

Men Looked On Valcartier as But Enemy Suffered More Paradise, After Stay in Salisbury.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 20 .- "The Canadian division, which is now in the fighting harrative written by an officer at the line on the continent, is regarded among headquarters of the British army in military men in England as the equal of any British division under the comstatement was made by Lleut.-Col. R | by the British of a German position on a

Burritt, of Winnipeg, who left Canada hill to the west of Zwartelene. Both beldid not have the good fortune to ba heavier-than-air services, and says that selected by Gen. Alderson as one of four German aeroplanes were brought those which was to go to the front, the to earth within three days. The officer's to start a cheer, but it ended in a sot first, second and third having been given account says: Nearly All at Front.

However, most of the men left behind crease in the activity of both our own have since been drafted as reinforce- and the enemy's air service. Advantage ments, so that practically all of the in the exchanges has been with us. In thirty odd thousand Canadians who left the Ypres district four hostile aero-Valcartier are now at the front.

Col. Burritt says that the stay at Sal- last three days, two by us and two by isbury was most tedious, and during the the French. Yesterday one of our airlong wet weeks of discomfort there men drove off three hostile aeroplanes every man had, but one desire, and that completing subsequently the reconnaiswas to get to the front. The order to sance on which he was engaged. entrain was a most welcome one for all ranks of the corps selected for the pas-

"Early on April 15 the enemy shelled our trenches near St .Eloi heavily, and exploded a mine which injured some of Valcartier a Paradise. "While there was some grumbling at our parapets. No attack followed, and Valcartier, it was looked back to as a the damage was promptly repaired. Paradise after the Canadians had been a few weeks under the steady rain of three mines in the La Bassee district, Salisbury," said Col. Burritt. "However, but they were quite harmless. every one made the best he could of what could not be avoided and the ploded a mine under Hill 60 on the force left for France in pretty good Ypres-Comiles Railway, to the west of the weather allowed for training in England during the winter."

Zwartelene. This was followed by an attack which gained possession of the whole of the enemy's transfer. shape, considering the

Col. Burritt brought home a party of hill. immedi- the explosion, and we took two officers invalided Canadians, and will ately return to England, and expects and fifteen men prisoners.

[Canadian Press.]

Kitchener is very gratified at the re-

Lloyd-George told the House of Com-

of the policy of the Government.

of Commons. He was asked a number China.

[Canadian Press.]

to the Bosphorus, while the Turk fleet were available.

KITCHENER PLEASED

WITH RESPONSE TO

Lloyd George Says Government Does Not Believe Conscrip-

London, April 20.—"War Secretary tions now going on between China and

sponse of the nation to the recruiting tions were still proceeding, he was not

appeals," Chancellor of the Exchequer able to make a detailed statement.

Lloyd-George told the House of Com-mons this afternoon. The speaker clared that the policy of the British

added that the Government did not Government in China continued to be

believe the war could be more suc- governed by the terms of the Anglo-

The chancellor declined to answer a the Government was in close touch

of breweries and distilleries Japan, and with commercial bodies

question concerning the suggested with diplomatic circles in China and

by the Government, and said the interested in the Far Eeast, and the

House must await a general statement House might rest assured that the

Will Try for Open Door.

Sir Edward Grey spoke in the House to British commerce in all parts of

Turk Torpedoboats

Two Blown Up While Passing Through Field Laid by the

Four Brothers Who Enlisted Here

Russians Acros s Bosphorus.

cessfully prosecuted by means of con- Japanese agreement as defined above.

tion Would Help in Conduct of War.

RECRUITING APPEAL

FRENCH IN QUEBEC

Greatest Enthusiasm Displayed-Turn Out en Masse at Every Station Passed.

LONDONER WRITES HOME

All Volunteers Heartily Pleased at the "Send-Off" Given Them.

Writing to The Advertiser, and dating his letter "En Route to Berlin," a France, under date of April 19, and given out today by the official press member of a regiment which left Lonmand of Gen. French." The above bureau, the writer reports the capture don recently says "that was some sendoff the home town gave us when we left London. It was a great opportunity to see the boys who were hitting in command of the 11th Infantry Bat- ligerents lost many men. He also retalion of the 4th Brigade. This brigade ports increased activity among the friends and relatives tried to choke good-bye cheer. "I noticed one motherly old soul try

> "The improvement in the weather tinues. we swung on to the G. T. R. tracks at Rectory street some. one sang out: "Men of the 18th, Heads Up!" At the same instant Bandmaster Slatter's bandsmen of the 7th struck up "When Jack Comes Back, There'll Be a Mighty Welcome." The effect was electric, and the inspiration gained there will help the boys through many a trying hour.

of mingled pride and pity," he con-

Echoed Down Line. The cheers that were started in the old home town didn't die out at the city limits, either, for every town down the line echoed and reechoed those cheers whether cur

train stopped or not. It was nearly midnight when we left Toronto, but there were big crowds at the grade crossings to wish us good luck in true British style, and above all the din and shouting the irrepressible buglers of the 18th blared out "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." You can take it from us, pals, those same buglers will still be playing that same tune when we cross the German frontier.

Train No. 2 that left London shortly after us overtook us at Montreai. They claimed to have had a greater "send-off than we did. We refused to allow their claim, and a lively debate ensued until the two trains separated. French Enthusiastic.

As we passed through the French Province of Quebec, the inhabitants waved British and French flags as our train flew past, and if we couldn't understand their language we knew they were extending good

The accommodation on the train was excellent. We had two firstclass dining cars attached for the men, and we fell in in squads of thirty, and ate off white tablecloths with dining-car service. If you hear anyone speak of the "poor fellows" who went to war, just tell them that they are barking up the wrong tree, for a more jubilant bunch of huskies never left the shores of Canada.

Canada is all right. She is going to stay all right, too, and "where is the coward who would not dare fight for such a land. Yours en route to Berlin, FRED YOUNG."

ARTILLERY FIGHTS AROUND SOISSONS

Sunk in Mine Belt French Official Report Has No Details To Give

was cruising in the Black Sea. The explosions caused by the destruction of Paris, April 20.—Two Turkish torpedo- plosions caused by the destruction of gave out a report on the progress of boat destroyers were blown up, says a the two Turkish boats gave warning to hostilities, which reads as follows: "There have been particularly spir-Saloniki dispatch, while passing through the remainder of the fleet, which, the ited artillery exchanges in the region a mine belt which Russian ships had dispatch says, was obliged to remain in succeeded in laying across the entrance the Black Sea because no mine-sweepers the dispatch says, was obliged to remain in the sectors of Soissons, and in the sectors of Rheims and the Argonnes; otherwise

SIR ADAM LEAVES FOR SOIL OF FRANCE

The Advertiser learned today that Sir Adam Beck is leaving this after-noon on the first stage of his journey to France, where he will act as the representative of the Canadian Government in connection with the supply of remounts for the troops. Sir Adam apparently is of the opinion that his mission is of such import-ace that, if details of his itinerary were known the Germans would be on the watch to torpedo the ship on which he sails. In any case he refused to state just when, from which port or on what vessel he will take passage, de- sult of this it was claimed by memclaring that his movements ought not o be made known any more than the

few days in the American metropolis. favorites."

Farmer Takes Exception to Member's Talk

Exciting Incident at Queen's Park Saturday When Military Horse Sale Is On.

A somewhat exciting incident occurred at Queen's Park on Saturday afternoon when a sale of horses unfitted since purchase for military purposes was being conducted under the direction of Sir Adam Beck, who is head of the horse commis-

According to accounts given The Advertiser by eye-witnesses Sir Adam was making a speech in which he praised the manner in which the purchases of horses had He stated that the been made. commission had saved the country

There were some exclamations of disagreement in the crowd, and at least one man shouted out something, Sir Adam made a sharp reply, and the man in the crowd called the local member a liar. Sir Adam again replied and his opponent said some-thing about Sir Adam being "a Resented by Sir Adam.

This was resented very much both by Sir Adam and by Dr. Tamlin, veterinary surgeon, who has been buying horses for the army under Sir Adam's direction. The latter pealed off his coat and said that anyone who said anything against Sir Adam Beck had to fight him. For a time it looked as though a fight would result, but some officers and soldiers interfered, and the man who had made the remark was escorted off the grounds. It is said that ne was a farmer from Nissouri Township. There was one report in circulation that Sir Adam had been struck but this was denied by those who

attended the sale.

Mission of Hon. Bob Rogers Failure.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, April 20.-A royal commission was appointed this morning to to continue. investigate the Parliament buildings onstruction and the charges made b the Liberals in connection therewith. It was believed that the errand of Hon. Robert Rogers to Winnipeg was to block this inquiry if possible, but he appears to have been unsuccessful. The names of those appointed are Thief Justice Mathers, Mr. Justice Mac-Donald and Sir Hugh John Macdonald.

LONDON'S YOUNG MEN **ENLISTING READILY**

Many Today Add Their Names To Muster of the 33rd Battalion.

London young men are continuing to take a very active interest in military matters and have been steadily enlisting in the 33rd Battalion. Every day the orders contain the names number of local young man, and today's ontain the following list of those w have passed the necessary medical exson, T. Leages, W. E. Morris, W. Skeggs and R. Reid (all of London), stretcher-bearer, E. Martagh, London.

- LONDON POLICEMAN ENLISTS WITH 33RD

Arthur Dickinson Says He Cannot Make a Go of It On Local Constabulary.

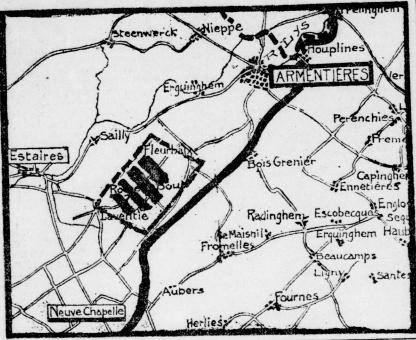
Patrolman Arthur Dickinson, a memer of London's finest who has a number of times figured in the limelight and who has appeared before dice commission on different occaons, has handed Chief of Police W. T. T. Williams his resignation and today enlisted as a private in the 33rd Battalion.

"Something was wrong. I couldn't make it go on the police force. I don't know whether some of the men had it in for me or not, but it is all over now for I have enlisted and hope to be soon at the front fighting for my country, said the ex-patrolman.

Dickinson, who appeared before the commission charged with not doing police duty properly, was given an opportunity to do better and as a rebers of the force that he was a favorite of the chief's. This was strenuously denied by the chief at the time, who It is believed, however, that he will stated that he would give all his men embark in New York, after spending a chance and that he "played no

EARLY CREDENCE AMONG ITALIAN DIPLOMATS

Battlefields of France



An officer of the 6th London Field Battery sends a map marked with the sition the middle of last month. The four black lines show their position. He

We have had a very busy time the last two days, as we have occupie three positions in that time, coming into action and building gun pits at each, though we only opened fire from the last. We only stayed in the second one an our, and as we did not get into it until toward midnight, no one got any sleep that night. "All our moves are made at night, which makes it rather difficult, though

is wonderful how quietly a movement can be carried out and how little cor fusion there is when plans are properly carried out. The chief trouble here the narrowness of the roads and the depths of the ditches on either side. Thes combined with a dark night, make the driving of a six-horse vehicle more of less difficult, especially as no lights are allowed as a rule.

"A gun in one of the nearby 4.7 batteries exploded last week and injured twelve of the gunners, none fatally. It occurred up the road only a few hundred yards from us, but I knew nothing about it until one of the men brought

up a piece of the breech mechanism which had fallen near our guns.
"McEwen is quite well again and things are running very smoothly in the Battery. We do a little firing at the German trenches every day, and occasion ally try for their guns. The latter, however, are well hidden, and in a flat coun try like this, it is practically impossible to locate them very definitely. "Am touching wood when I say it, but I really do think that the spring Appointment Today Proves | now arriving here. It has not rained, to speak of, for a week, and today it was duite balmy, while the buds are getting quite pattern. be a great relief to be really clear of mud, which has been a constant compan since October last.

"We are having a new telephone line laid tonight to a new observing sta tion, and when we get it working properly in the morning, will pop off a few rounds at the Boches and watch how they go. Really it is a funny war, everything is done so systematically, and it is no joke to say that some of the British batteries if shooting, knock off for tea, provided they are not urgently require

"HE KNOWS NOT FEAR!"

"He knows not fear." This is the tribute of Sir John French to the Canadian soldier, according to a letter received from an officer with one of the base

The letter says that Gen. French has taken the Canadians close to his heart because of the spirit they have shown. He believes they show remarkable intuition as to the plans of their officers and a certain individualty that makes them better solders than the average. There are some great tasks ahead for the Canadians, according to the letter received by The Advertiser's informant.

RAILWAY COMMISSION SAYS ed general British activity in Flan-L. AND P. S. R. CANNOT RUN The British, whether or not they hold all the ground gained, still Rockham and R. H. Lane, of London; B Company, S. Mercer, A. Howard and A. Goodman, London; C Company, G. Kemp, London; D Company, G. Niver

Kemp, London; D Company, G. Nixon, E. Annetts, H. Wilson, W. Hallman, G. Barnbew, E. Manzi, G. Skill, F. Lup-Barnbew, E. Manzi, G. Skill, F. Lup--Cost of Terminals and Complications Involved.

> of the Grand Trunk Railway into the Grand Trunk station and use the stastation, nor can it string wires over tion as a terminal. the company's tracks. The matter has been under consideration at hearings stretching over two weeks. Lands valued at \$250,000 by the Grand Trunk

are now asked by Sir Adam Beck,

over the tracks of a steam railway The electrificationists claimed when it would not be allowed. So far every the Michigan Central held an option on

was pointed out by The Advertiser that contention made by The Advertiser in

GERMANS PREPARE TO EVACUATE MENIN

London, April 20 .- The Daily Mail's correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs: "Accounts of fierce fight ing southeast of Ypres reach-

ed me this morning. All yes terday wounded were arriving at Bruges, and it is stated thee Germans are preparing to evacuate Menin, fourteen mil es southeast of Ypres. "There has been heavy h and-to-hand fighting in the

neighborhood of Ypres and Co mines, where the British captured several dominating posi tions, after blowing up the LeFebvre. Next of kin, Frank LeFebvre. Ottawa. April 20.—It is understood like nothing betted than accompanying that Sir Adam Beck and Sir Ad pletely closed the Dutch-Belg ian frontier. Today barriers

Where 6th Field Battery Fights on the Observers of International Politics Give Head To Reports and Comparative Quiet On Western Battlefront Is Pointed To As Significant.

[Canadlan Press.] Rome, April 20 .- Within the past twenty-four hours there have arisen in Rome persistent reports that the grave international questions confronting Italy may be solved in the near future by what at first sight seems almost incredible, the conclusion of a general peace in Europe at

While these reports are intangible and cannot at present be ascribed to a definite source, they nevertheless are refleced in high quarters, and they are given heed by careful observers of international politics. SIGNIFICENT FACTS.

Among other reasons in support of this the argument is offered that Rome is an excellent field for the conduct of negotiations of this nature; Prince Von Buelow, one of the ablest of German diplomats is in Rome as ambassador to Italy; and the official relations between Italy and Germany, as well as between Italy and the powers of the Triple Entente,

In certain quarters in Rome the idea prevails that the advent o spring has not seen such resumption of aggressive hostilities as had been promised, a fact regarded as significant.

WATCHING BULGARIA.

Sofia is being regarded with much interest just at present. Efforts are being made by representatives of the belligerents to induce King Ferdinand to announce his decision.

The importance of the attitude of Bulgaria is recognized fully Rome. Should she side with the Teutonic allies it would be difficult fo Roumania to make war upon Austria-Hungary, for she would then be subject to attack by Bulgaria, as well as by Turkish troops comin through Bulgarian territory.

In this connection a prominent diplomat said today:

"Once more is the fate of the Balkans in the hands of Bulgaria. Indeed, this time her decision may have great weight on the general

GENERAL ADVANCE THEIR OWN CRAF

Facts of British Victory Indi- Submarine E-15 Kept From cate It Was Most Important.

Falling Into Turks' Hands While Useful.

LOSSES NOT ANNOUNCED GALLANT WORK IS SHOWN

Germans Object To Britain Boats' Crews' Bravery To Be Using Gases Which They

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, Arpil 20.-Although the London, April 20.-2:20 p.m.-The German claims on the one hand and British admiralty announced officially outcome of the battle for Hill No. British picket boats. 60, southeast of Ypres, and near the The text of the admiralty announce northern extremity of the British ment follows: this engagement was the most im- ed on Kephez Point last Saturday, aplines, the facts at hand indicate that portant along the British front since pears to have been in danger of fallthe battle of Neuve Chapelle, and ing into the enemy's hands in a serthat it perhaps presages the expect- viceable condition. Great efforts were

hold all the ground gained, still picket boats—that of the Triumph, dominate a part of Zandfoord Ridge, under Lieutenant-Commander Eric Rob-

Losses Heavy.

ish made use of shells containing which was only a few hundred yards The Dominion Railway Commission the terminals which Sir Adam Beck's asphyxiating gases. To this the distant, and a number of small guns at asphyxiating gases. To this the has decided that the London and Port engineers said would be used for ter-British reply continues to be that the short range. It is the short range. It is the short range. Stanley Railway must not use the tracks minals that they would come into the Germans first resorted to this means of warfare, so if the British are now useless. using it they are following the

example of their opponents. The decision of the railway commision bears out the contention of The sion bears out the contention of The decisive action from this arena of the died of wounds. Advertiser that the stringing of wires fighting is lacking.

Where Is Hindenburg? man commander at the eastern front. Some newspapers publish the suggestion that he may attempt a di- recognition. version in Poland, as well as from Cracow, although the idea is advanced that the soggy nature of the land would seem to prevent any large movement, except at great cost of men and material.

TWO MONTREAL MEN KILLED IN ACTION

Ottawa, April 20.—Today's casualty ist announces the death in action of two Montreal men:

Fourteenth Battalion. Killed in Action—April 17, No. 25598, Pte. William James Keenan. Next of April 17, No. 26347, Pte. Lorenzo No. 1041 Berri street, Montreal, Que. Thirteenth Battalion.

Dangerously Ill-Lieut. Francis Chatton Stephens, at No. 2 Red Cross Hos-

Recognized by the Ad. miralty. [Canadian Press.]

the British and French on the other today that the British submarine E-15 are diametrically opposed as to the was destroyed in the Dardanelles by

"The submarine E-15, which groundmade by the Turks to secure her. Attempts to destroy her by long-range fire Rendered Her Useless.

a line of hills running southeast of inson, who commanded the expedition, assisted by Lieutenant Arthur Brooke Webb, R.N.R., and Midshipman John Woolley, and that of the Majestic, under The losses in this fighting have not Lieutenant Claude Godwin, been announced. Judging from dis- manned by volunteer crews-attacked patches reaching London, they must the submarine. The boats were suben considerable on both sides. jected to a very heavy fire, estimated The Germans declare that the Brit- at over 200 rounds, from Fort Noth, ubmarine was torpedoed and rendered

The Majestic's picket boat was holed and sunk, but the members of the

the highest terms of all concerned in this gallant enterprise. Lieutenant-The British press today is specu- Commander Eric Robinson has been lating as to the whereabouts of Field promoted to a commander by the ad-Marshal Von Hindenburg, the Ger- miralty, and a report has been called

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 81.5; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 are today were. hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 62; lowest, 41.

TOMORROW-LITTLE COOLER. Toronto, April 20.—8 a.m.
Forecasts.

Moderate to fresh northerly winds;
fair and a little cooler today and on
Wednesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and owest temperatures during the 24 hours



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